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Tax appeals in Mangalore Municipality.

* 2877 Q.—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of property tax revision petitions disposed of (1) by the Special Officer appointed for the purpose, (2) by the Commissioner of Mangalore Municipality and the number of tax appeals, heard by the Council before the end of the year 1954–55; and

(*b*) the number that remained for disposal under each category after the close of the year, and the number still pending, if any?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI : (*a*) The Special Officer disposed of 2,969 revision petitions and the Commissioner 2,912 revision petitions and the Council heard 675 appeals before the end of 1954–55.

(*b*) The number of revision petitions and appeals that remained for disposal after the close of the year were 145 and 650 respectively, and the number pending on 1st September 1955 were 30 and 94.

MR. SPEAKER : Question time is over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR FURTHER EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1955-56.

MR. SPEAKER : General discussion on Demands for Grants for further Expenditure in the year 1955–56 will commence now. I allot ten minutes for each speaker.

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, we have before us a statement of the sums of money that are required by the Government under different heads. The problem of land legislation has been hanging in the air for some time with the result that a lot of unrest has been created in the State. Leftists of my type will always welcome a comprehensive land legislation.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member is a leftist! That is news to me.

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM : I am under that impression. Hesitation on the part of the Government on this question has given room for a lot of unrest in rural parts. It has given room for a lot of unrest in Chingleput district. When the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Bill was discussed in this House, we requested the Government to extend it to the Chingleput district. But the Government for various reasons would not think of extending it to our area.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, in discussing the Demands for supplementary grants, members should speak about